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USING DYNAMICALLY GENERATED BUILDING BLOC

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MAIL STOP AF COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. BOX 1450 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$55.00 (small entity) to extend the time for filing this response until January 26, 2004.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid | Present Extra | Rate | | |
| Total Claims | 63 | Minus | 61 | 2 | x \$18.00 | \$36.00 | |
| Independent Claims | 8 | Minus | 8 | 0 | x \$86.00 | \$0 | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE | | | | x \$280.00 = \$ | | | |
| TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES | | | | \$36.00 | | | |
| 1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY | | | | \$18.00 | | | |



The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$73.00.

XXX A check is the amount of \$73.00 (small entity) is enclosed.

XXX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-0467. A duplicate copy of this form is enclosed.

January 26, 2004 Date

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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2003, for which the period to respond has been extended one month to include January 26, 2004, please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in the abovenoted application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

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